

Page 1, after the title, insert

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--;

Page 1, first full paragraph:

--The invention concerns a motor vehicle, especially a convertible with an automobile body having at least one strut which has a part that can move longitudinally relative to the body as a result of longitudinal stress produced during the operation of the vehicle, ~~in accordance with the introductory clause of Claim 1,~~ and a motor vehicle with a frame which has at least one strut that can move longitudinally relative to other struts of the supporting frame as a result of longitudinal stress produced during the operation of the vehicle ~~in accordance with the introductory clause of Claim 12.~~

Page 1, after the first paragraph, insert

--2. Description of the Related Art--;

Page 2, after the second full paragraph, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, first full paragraph:

--The invention achieves this objective with a motor vehicle ~~with the features of Claim 1 and with~~ in which the longitudinally moving part can move relative to an energy converter that acts as a damper by which the motion of the strut part relative to the body can be braked and the kinetic energy of the strut can be at least partially converted to another form of energy. The objective is also met by a motor vehicle ~~with the features of Claim 12 which can be realized individually or in combination with one another.~~ Advantageous refinements of the ~~object of the invention are specified in dependent Claims 2 to 11~~ in which the longitudinally moving part can move relative to an energy converter that acts as a damper by which the motion of the strut relative to the supporting frame can be braked, and the kinetic energy of the strut can be at least partially converted to another form of energy.

Page 3, second full paragraph:

--For a vehicle with a wholly or partially integrated body and frame and/or for a vehicle with a supporting frame, the design of the invention ~~in accordance with Claim 1 or Claim 12~~ makes it possible to achieve a reduction of vibrations by purely passive inhibition of the extension or compression of struts, i.e., elongated structures of the body or frame, by damping without the necessity of supplying actuators or detection units on these struts with their own power supply. Components of this type are completely unnecessary, and this further simplifies construction and installation. In this regard, the greatest possible passive damping of motion is advantageous in order to increase resistance to the development of vibrations. For this purpose, a distance of movement of the strut part or of the strut can be several millimeters under suitable stress.--

Page 5, before the second paragraph, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

Page 6, before first paragraph, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--